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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 27, 2001, a copy of which is returned herewith, Applicant respectfully submits this response.

Declaration

As required by the Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, Applicant hereby encloses an executed Declaration signed by Craig R. Malloy and A. Dean Sherry. Also enclosed is a Declaration signed by John G. Jones.

Required Fees

Submitted herewith is a check for \$65.00 to cover the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e). Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that no additional fees are due in excess of the enclosed check. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

MAILING CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a) I hereby certify that the above correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Ass't Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 20, 2001.

Elaine Johnson

Required Items

Submitted herewith are substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all required parts for the application have now been filed and that no additional fees are required.

Respectfully submitted,

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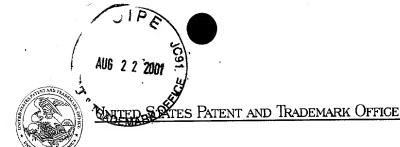
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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